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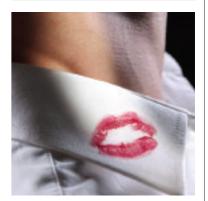
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In the news Freshman holds students hostage

A SUNY-New Paltz freshman is facing charges after he took students hostage in a residence hall Tuesday morning. Armed with a Japanese katana sword, 18-year-old Isaac Doughty refused to let the students go until police used a Taser and pepper spray to subdue him, according to the Times Herald Record. No one was seriously injured in the incident.

In the news

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A Quinnipiac University poll found New York voters disapprove of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's handling of public schools, and are more likely to trust the teachers' union to advocate for students. A record-breaking 66 percent of voters want the next mayor to share power with an independent school board, according to The New York Times. METRO/SV



MICHAEL SPIVACK

Say cheese? The subway's 'Ugliest Rat'

The Transport Workers Union Local 100, the union for the city's subway workers, has released the winning shot in their "Rate My Rat" photo competition, launched last month to find the New York underground's "Ugliest Rat." Asking straphangers to submit their most horrifying subterranean rodent shots, the TWU have now named subway rider Michael Spivack, 61, the unfortunate winner. Spivack, an architect, snapped the above photo on the platform of the Seventh Ave.-53rd St. station in the summer of 2008. The TWU will present Spivack with his prize tomorrow, a free monthly MetroCard.

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Overnight shutdowns come to the 1, 2, 3 lines

NEW YORK. Beginning Feb. 13, the 1 and 2 line will be shut down from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., bringing service between Penn Station and Atlantic Avenue to a standstill in both directions every evening until Feb. 17. Service on the entire 3 train-line will be suspended.

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WTC now at \$14.8B price tag

LOWER MANHATTAN. An audit released Tuesday revealed a surge in costs building the new World Trade Center, up from \$11 billion in 2008 to \$14.8 billion this year, a 35 percent increase. The authority also needs a "top-to-bottom overhaul" because of poor management, the report found.

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Rape allegations 'tough' to investigate, say experts

Day after probe dropped against FOX 5 anchor, former prosecutors say rape cases pose challenges ● Alcohol, delays in reporting both a problem

The news that Manhattan prosecutors are not charging FOX 5 anchor Greg Kelly with rape comes after New Yorkers saw two other high-profile rape allegations in the past year disintegrate.

Prosecutors say the dismissal of rape charges against French politician Dominique Strauss-Kahn and the acquittal of ex-NYPD officers Kenneth Moreno and Franklin Mata, who were both charged with rape, illustrate the difficulties of investigating and prosecuting claims of sexual assault.

"[Rape] cases are really tough," said former prosecutor Julie Block, who prosecuted rape cases for a year at the Brooklyn district attorney's office.

A lack of physical evidence, or any outside corroboration of the encounter — a drink receipt, two people seen walking on video — can make cases nearly impossible to prosecute, former Brooklyn prosecutor Michael Weinstock said.

"What you don't want to do is walk into trial with a hesaid/she-said case," he said. "If you go into trial and all you have is testimonial evidence, all you have is a story, you're going to lose. That doesn't reach the criminal burden, which is proof beyond a reasonable doubt."

Evidence that can really help a case includes injuries or

"It's tough to get corroboration because there's only two people there." WEINSTOCK

a rape kit, particularly in a case of forcible stranger rape.

Weinstock said the first thing he did while prosecuting rape cases was pull telephone records, to find out if the records matched the victim's testimony. For example, if a woman said she didn't speak to her alleged rapist after the attack, he needed to confirm that was true.

Delaying reporting a rape is also one of the main things that can severely hamper a case, said prosecutors.

"If someone was saying this happened six months ago, that's problematic," Weinstock said. "What happened in the last six months?"



Kelly thanks supporters

NEW YORK. Greg Kelly will be back on the air at "Good Day New York" tomorrow.

"I am thankful that the investigation established



what I've known all along, that I am innocent of the allegations that were waged

against me," Kelly said in a statement.

He also thanked "Good Day New York" viewers who he said "expressed positive support through social media," and said, "I am so blessed to have a wonderful family and friends whose support for me never wavered."

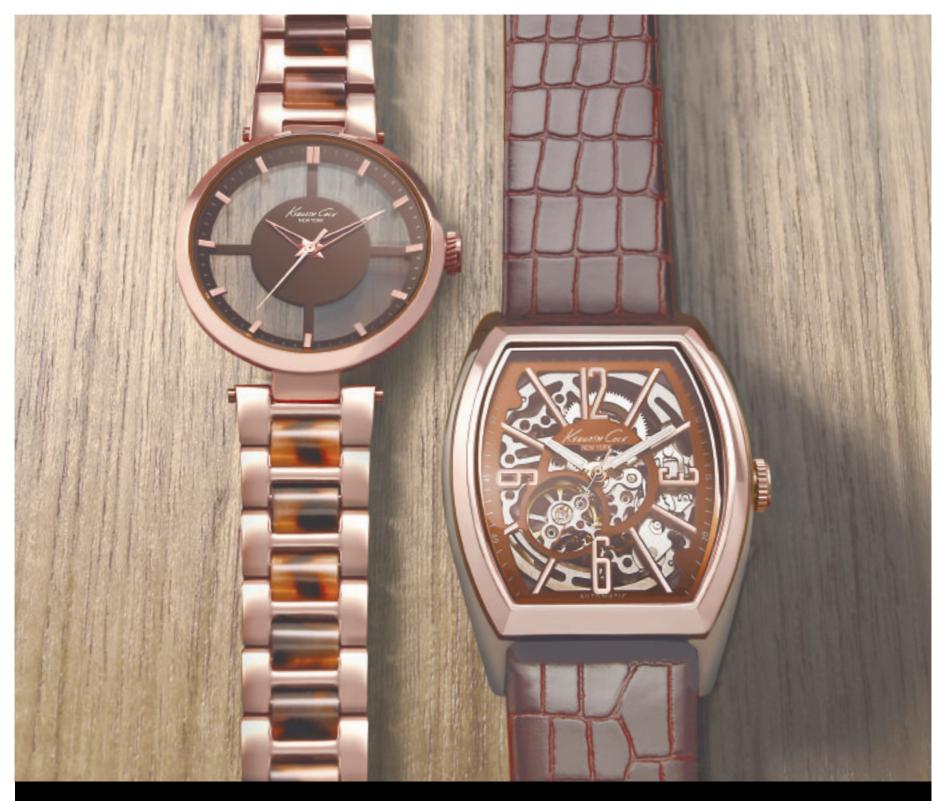
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Alcohol problematic

NEW YORK. Another challenge is alcohol, legal experts said. In a case where a woman might be out on a date and later tells police she drank too much to consent to sex, it can be very difficult to show one party clearly took advantage of another. "How do you prove the amount was excessive. and that the man should have realized she was incapable of consenting?" attorney Paul Callan asked. Prosecutors get receipts from bars, examine video and interview witnesses to see whether people seemed intoxicated. • METRO/AB

Burden of proof can be heavy

NEW YORK. "There are innocent people who get charged with this crime," said Callan, of rape. "A charge of rape is devastating against a man. It may alter a man forever, even if the charge is dismissed." METRO/AB



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City hotels give maids panic buttons

New York City hotels agreed to give their employees panic buttons under a new contract presented Tuesday.

The agreement presented to hotel housekeepers and employees ensures that they will each get a personal panic button. The buttons can fit in the palm of a hand, in a pocket or worn around the neck on a lanyard.

With one push, it would immediately summon security help, said Eric Walker, a spokesman for Queens state Assemblyman Rory Lancman, who introduced a bill last year pushing for the panic buttons.

"It's unfortunate but there are instances when guests behave inappropriately," John Turchiano, spokesperson for the New York Hotel Trades Council, told Reuters. "This would be a really good way to

▶ Queens state Assemblyman Rory Lancman holds up a sample panic button outside the hotel where a maid accused Dominique Strauss-Kahn of rape last year. The charges were later dropped.

cut down on that and give our members strong protections." The case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn highlighted the issue of maids in potential danger, but Walker "It's unfortunate, but there are instances when guests behave inappropriately." JOHN TURCHIANO

said hotel employees faced trouble long before that.

Metro interviewed hotel maids who said that stories of naked guests and screaming drunks are unfortunately alltoo familiar.

One Flushing maid, who has worked at a Manhattan hotel for 15 years, told Metro a man once charged into a bathroom she was cleaning, asking, "You don't mind?"

He dropped his trousers and started urinating before she could answer.

"It didn't change the fact that (maids) were in danger before that," Walker said of the DSK case. "When there's a higher-profile news story, it might focus people's attention on a problem that is already there."





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J&R looks to the littlest New Yorkers

This weekend, J&R electronics store will open up J&R Jr., a store for New York City's smallest shoppers.

Metro got a preview tour of the new 15,000-square-foot space, housed on the second floor of J&R's 1 Park Row flagship store in Lower Manhattan.

Part toy store, part electronics store, part event space, the new location is stocked with gizmos and gadgets kids are sure to go gaga over.

Jason Friedman, executive vice president at J&R, said J&R Jr. is all thanks to his 5-year-old daughter.

"She runs through the aisles and lets me know what she likes and doesn't," Friedman told Metro of his little girl. "My children were the inspiration for this store."

Friedman is the son of Joe and Rachelle Friedman, the married couple who started the electronics megastore in



J&R Jr. will be a kid's oasis, said Friedman, promising all the games, toys, baby basics and parental gear Big Apple families need. There will also be an events space for birthday parties, kids' concerts and parenting classes, Friedman said.

For the grand opening this Saturday, J&R Jr. is hosting a two-day "Kidstravaganza," with free concerts by kids' bands Laurie Berkner, Dirty Socks and Dan Zanes. METRO



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Cash trumps in casino war

◆ Aqueduct racetrack brought \$90M last year to cash-strapped state coffers ◆ It's no wonder Gov. Andrew Cuomo wants to go all-in on gaming

Statewide vote on gambling in 2013

Under Gov. Cuomo's proposed plan, additions to the Aqueduct racetrack would include table games with live dealers, such as in Las Vegas or Atlantic City. Beyond the casino proposal is a plan to build a convention center spanning 3.8 million square feet on the same site, offering restaurants, Broadway shows and other non-gambling attractions. However, table games cannot be added until legislators pass a constitutional amendment. At the earliest, it would be November 2013 before the amendment could be approved or denied by voters.

The financial success of the Aqueduct racetrack in Queens means anti-gambling groups face some major hurdles in convincing the public that casinos are not worth the social costs, as Gov. Andrew Cuomo pushes ahead with his controversial plan to legalize and expand Las Vegas-style gambling in New York state.

Despite not opening until the tail end of October, the Aqueduct Racino, owned by Genting's Resorts World, brought in \$90 million in revenue for the state in 2011, most of which went toward education. According to Stefan Friedman, managing director at consulting firm SKDKnickerbocker, which represents Genting, the company expects to bring in \$300 million to \$400 million for the state each year.

So it's no wonder Cuomo

"Our government is pushing an addictive product, pure and simple."

has hopped on the casino bandwagon: It looks like free money for the state that doesn't involve raising taxes; it creates lucrative business for the private sector and, maybe the most important concern in this economy, it appears to be a great source for job creation.

Still, some say there is more to the picture.

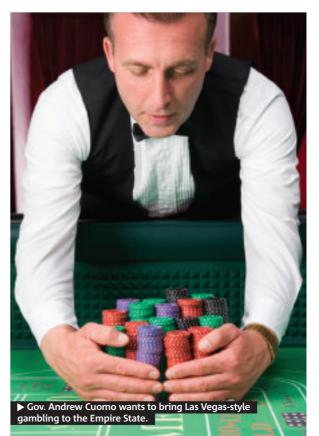
"Over the long-term, no one wins in a casino," says Charlotte Wellins of the Coalition Against Gambling New York. "What if our government started pushing drugs like they're pushing gambling? You know, if they were going to push pros-

titution, that would bring in revenue, too. But will it improve the quality of life of our citizens?"

The 1999 National Gambling Impact Study Commission found that compulsive gambling rates double in areas within 50 miles of a gambling facility. Beyond the moral concerns raised by gambling, Wellins argues that the job creation and perceived economic benefits of running casinos are overblown.

"Many casinos, if you look at Atlantic City, many of them hire part-time employees so they don't have to pay benefits to them," she said. "They're low-paying jobs to begin with, and they produce nothing."





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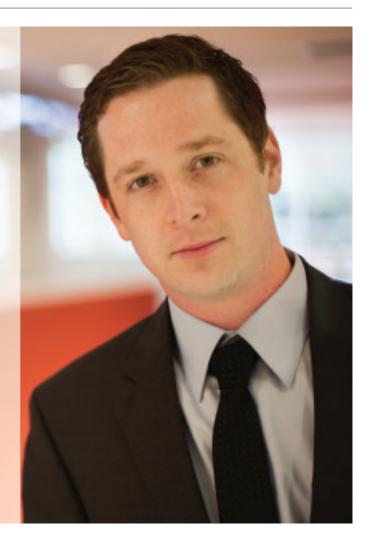
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ormer Sen. Rick Santorum was the decisive winner on Tuesday night, coming from a widely presumed third place to sweep all three Republican contests — in Missouri, Minnesota and Colorado — as he took advantage of presumptive front-runner Mitt Romney's complacency and "I'm-not-Romney" rival Newt Gingrich's Gingrichness to whip his base into a vote-crushing froth.

Or was he?

One might expect a parade of positive headlines for Santorum the day following such an overwhelming rout, and indeed there were some such. Many

Is Santorum raining on the campaign parade?

painted the Santorum wins as further cementing Romney's chances of scoring the nomination even as they do damage to his sense of inevMittability. (Yeah, we went there.)

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or one, Romney backers point out that all three of Tuesday's contests were nonbinding. What this means practically is that delegates whose votes the candidates need to secure in order to become their party's nominee will not necessarily be awarded along voting lines. Though it can be expected that delegates will be roughly similar to vote tallies, no one knows for sure.

Perhaps more important, though, is how the Santorum



sweeps throw a fat wrench in Gingrich's Anyone But Romney momentum. The former House speaker, who has been pushing hard to force this mantle upon himself, performed even worse than Romney on Tuesday, and

that's saying a lot. Gingrich has now won one contest to Romney's three and Santorum's four. Romney wins so long as the not-Romney crowd continues to split that base.

f course, it would be a huge miscalculation to write off the message sent by these voters, that being a reaffirmation of one of the 2012 campaign's most puzzling truths: Despite his presumed victory, massive organization and perfect hair, many voters seem to really dislike Mitt Romney. A recent poll actually shows many voters saying they like him less the more they know him. And they'll only come to know him more in the coming months.

The challenge for conservatives will be to coalesce around a single opposition candidate before they end up knowing more than they can stomach.

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Boehner vows to block Obama contraceptive rule

House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner yesterday denounced President Barack Obama's new rule on contraceptives as an assault on "religious freedom" and vowed to stop it.

The controversy centers on a provision in the 2010 health-care law that requires health insurance to cover basic birth control services for women even at Catholic charities, hospitals and universities. Boehner said Obama should reverse the rule and Catholic bishops contend the policy infringes on religious liberty because the church does not condone birth control of any kind.

"This attack ... cannot stand and will not stand," Boehner,

"This attack ... cannot stand and will not stand"

the top U.S. Republican in Congress, vowed in a speech

on the floor of his chamber.
Press secretary Jay Carney said Obama will try to ease concerns of critics but intends to implement the rule to give women access to contraceptives.

Boehner said if the president refuses to rescind the measure, Congress will do so through the legislative process.

Boehner could face problems in the Senate, which is controlled by Democrats.



Prosecution urges rejection of Sandusky visitation request

Pennsylvania prosecutors who have charged Jerry Sandusky with sexually abusing boys filed a fierce response yesterday to the former Penn State assistant football coach's request to be allowed to see his grandchildren in his home.

Sandusky's attorney, Joe Amendola, asked the court last month to let Sandusky see his grandchildren under the supervision of an adult, to



visit with adult friends in his home, and go to Amendola's office to work on his defense.

But Attorney General Linda Kelly, after receiving information that Sandusky had shoveled snow outside his home last month and was observed on his home's rear deck watching children play at a neighboring school, said Sandusky was fortunate to be under house arrest in the first place. **REUTERS**

Faster security program for 28 top US airports

A pilot program that moves passengers through preflight security screening more quickly if they volunteer information about themselves in advance is set to expand to 28 of the nation's busiest airports, U.S. officials said on



Wednesday.
The expedited screening program will grow throughout 2012 from seven pilot loca-

tions to all three major airports in the New York City area, the three in the Washington, D.C., area and others including Boston, Chicago, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Denver, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration said.

Certain frequent flyers and people enrolled in the Customs and Border Protection's Trusted Traveler programs may no longer have to take off their shoes, pull laptops from cases and remove belts and coats when passing through security, the TSA said. REUTERS



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The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to - in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Gwyneth Paltrow is heeding animal warnings, Alec Baldwin is questioning his girlfriend's eating habits, Jason Segel is having trouble online and Sarah Silverman likes being an adult.

@GwynethPaltrow:

My dog is incessantly barking at the wind. What does she know that I don't? A lot. clearly.

@alecbaldwin: Some people actually have salad with their egg whites in the morning. Can we be taking this health thing too far, (Ahilariathomas?

Ajasonsegel: Twitter account hacked again. I don't understand the point of what you're trying to do hackers. Why? Sorry to anyone following me.

ASarahKSilverman: still wake up so jazzed that childhood is over



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HEWORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip **@dorothyatmetro and dorothy.robinson@metro.us**

Karl Lagerfeld sorry for comments on Adele's weight

Karl Lagerfeld has his couture knickers in a bit of a twist about the media frenzy surrounding his recent comments about **Adele's** weight. When Lagerfeld served as the global guest editor of this newspaper on Tuesday, he was quoted as calling the singer "a little bit fat" in response to a question about singer Lana Del Rey. But now he's taking to the paper to reverse that statement. He told us, "I'd like to say to Adele that I am your biggest admirer. Sometimes when you take a sentence out of the article it changes the meaning of the thought. What I said was in relation to Lana Del Rey and the sentence has since been taken out of context from how it was originally published. I actually prefer Adele, she is my favorite singer and I am a great admirer of her. ... Adele is a beautiful girl. She is the best. And I can't wait for

"I lost over 30 kilos over 10 years ago and have kept it off. I know how it feels when the press is mean to you in regards to your appearance."

KARL LAGERFELD, ON RELATING TO ADELE WHEN HE WAS WAY MORE THAN "A LITTLE BIT FAT"

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her next CD."

Good for Karl for speaking up. But if he had to choose between Adele and Lana Del Rey to be the face of the next Chanel fashion campaign, who do you think he'd pick?





Like mother, like daughter

Speaking of things that are a "little bit fat," get a load of this baby! Harper Beckham is already half the size of her mother! (Totally kidding here, everyone. The baby is not fat. Rather, it's hilarious that Victoria Beckham is so tiny; her head is the size of her 7-month-old's.) Here is the fashionable duo entering JFK airport on Tuesday.

Talking points

Brand finalizes divorce papers

An attorney for Russell Brand reportedly filed finalized divorce papers in Los Angeles this week, according to TMZ. And although Brand and Katy Perry reportedly did not sign a prenuptial agreement meaning Brand could easily try to grab half of the fortune Perry earned during their 14month marriage — sources say the British comedian has no intention of going after her money. "This divorce is as amicable as it gets," one source



tells the website. According to Forbes magazine, Perry earned \$44 million between May 2010 and May 2011.

Deschanel: No idea what fuss is about

Zooey Deschanel would just like to say, for the record, that the stories about Russell **Brand** sending her flirty text messages and angling to get to know her both personally and professionally are bogus. "I don't even know him, by the way," she said during a visit to "The View," where she was quizzed on the rumors. "On the scale of truth and completely preposterous, it's completely preposterous,' Deschanel insisted.

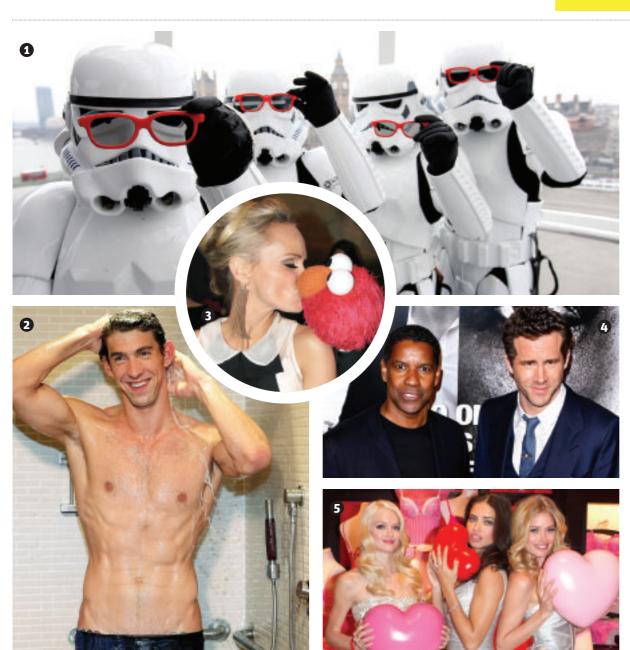


Jennifer Aniston on life, love

Jennifer Aniston isn't necessarily naming names, but she says her past romantic experiences have taught her a lot about what she

doesn't want and what she won't settle for. "Having experienced everything you don't want in a partner over time, it starts to narrow down to what you actually do want," Aniston tells InStyle magazine. "As I get older, I realize what qualities are important in love and what suits me, and what I won't settle for." And she certainly feels that boyfriend Justin **Theroux** suits her just fine. "First of all, he has great style — it's very specific, and it has been his style forever," she says of Theroux. "Has it influenced mine? No, but I know people say it has. 'Oh, look, you're dressing alike.' And I think. No I'm not. I've had this jacket for three years!"

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Who is sexier? Some lingerie models, Michael Phelps or a few **Stormtroopers?**

1. Stormtroopers lined up for a photocall to promote the release of "Star Wars: Episode 1 — The Phantom Menace 3D" at The London Eye on Wednesday in London.

2. Michael Phelps

announced a new partnership with Head&Shoulders — by showering with the stuff while in a Speedo at the Soho House on Wednesday in New York

3. New couple alert? Kristin Chenoweth and **Elmo** attended the 2012 Drama League Of New York "Musical Celebration Of Broadway" Benefit at The Pierre Hotel on Monday in New York City.

4. Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds attended the "Safe House" premiere at the SVA Theater on Tuesday in New York City.

5. Lindsay Ellingson, Adriana Lima and Doutzen Kroes celebrated Valentine's Day at Victoria's Secret, SoHo on Wednesday in New York City.

6. Stella McCartney launched her latest fragrance, L.I.L.Y., at Selfridges on Wednesday in London, England.

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Black is beautiful at the ballet

Founded after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Dance Theatre of Harlem rose to prominence as a "classically American" ballet troupe composed primarily of African-American performers.

Financial challenges forced it to shut down in 2004, but its distinguished school and junior company DTH II continue to function. This week, under the direction of Keith Saunders, DTH II performs four

If you go

DTH II **Through Saturday Joyce Theater** 175 Eighth Ave. 212-242-0800 \$19-\$39; www.joyce.org pieces and screens an inspiring film at the Joyce, demonstrating that black dancers can excel at ballet.

George Balanchine's 1955 "Glinka Pas de Trois," new to the ensemble, draws promising performances from Ashley Murphy, Davon Doane and Flavia Garcia. Live music enlivens "Six Piano Pieces," a newish work by David Fernandez that sends four couples flirting and frolicking in party clothes. Christopher Huggins' "In the Mirror of Her Mind" leaves Murphy at the mercy of three mysterious men who fling her around.

An ambitious world premiere, Donald Byrd's "Contested Space," hammers the dancers with Amon Tobin's quirky percussive score. The jazzy choreography demands



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everything from 10 strong performers.

DTH director Virginia Johnson is currently touring the country, auditioning dancers for the 2013 rebirth of the senior company. Stay tuned; a renaissance in black ballet awaits.



FIVE REASONS TO HIT THE MOVIES

2'Star Wars: Episode I -The Phantom Menace': Do you think you might like Jar Jar Binks a little more if you could see him in 3-D? George Lucas hopes so.

'The Vow': Fingers crossed The vow: ringers crossed that quality actors Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams will elevate this rom-com film about a woman who gets amnesia and can't remember who her husband is.

Must-see

'Safe House': Denzel Washington heads up this tense thriller about a highly skilled rebel C.I.A. agent (Washington) who, after being on the lam for 11 years, turns himself in without explanation. Ryan Reynolds costars as the rookie agent who's about to get schooled on the way his government really works.

'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island': The sequel to 2008's "Journey to the Center of the Earth" proposes that the places described in several sci-fi books were all the same island.

'The Woman in Black': Daniel Radcliffe's first post-Potter appearance comes in this gothic tale of a 1800s British town terrorized by the ghost of a disturbed mother, hell-bent inspiring the local children to commit suicide.



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Truly, madly, deeply: Why do we get jealous?

Do you ever feel protective of your relationship — as if someone else is out to get your man (or woman)? You may be overly cautious. Or, you may just be reacting normally. "Mate poachers" exist. And Dr. David Buss, author of "The Dangerous Passion," says we've psychological adapted to defend ourselves against such threats.

First, is your partner your equal?:

Determine his or her mate value: How desirable is this person on the mating market? Think about anything from looks to social status. When a couple pairs up, they tend to have approximately similar mating val-

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Seeing other people interested in your partner increases your perceptions of how desirable he or she is.

"In this sense, jealousy can be healthy, especially in the early stages of a relationship. Women sometimes intentionally evoke jealousy in their partner (men do too but women do it more) to determine how committed and in love he is or to increase the perception of how desirable she is," he explains.

ues, but discrepancies do devel-

"If one gets a big promotion at work, they could increase their mate value by virtue of the position. The lower mate value person tends to be most jealous as statistically, it's more likely the higher mate value person either having an affair or terminating the relationship," says Buss

Then, identify the nature of the threat: According to Buss, men and women are equally jealous but differ in the nature of their emotion: "For a man, the sexual aspect of an infidelity poses a threat as it casts a doubt over their paternity certainty."

op over time.

Furthermore, "men place a greater premium on physical attractiveness in potential mates, so when women see their man in a sexually charged interaction with a physically more attractive woman, that can drive a woman crazy." Online relation-

Take action: "Women enhance

a woman.

ships and even the regular use

their physical appearance as a mate protection tactic whereas men redouble their efforts to fulfill their partners' desires," says Bass. On the flip side, "men are more physically reactive and more likely to commit crimes of passion than women," says Buss.



The most outrageous jealousy cases

Football star OJ Simpson: Although found not guilty, Simpson was suspected of murdering his ex wife Nicole Brown



12-hour journey (wearing an adult diaper to avoid bathroom breaks), Nowak confronted love rival Colleen Shipman armed with a BB gun and pepper spray.

Playmate Dorothy Stratten: Hugh Hefner's protegee was killed by her husband Paul Snider when he found out she was leaving him for film director Peter Bogdanovich.

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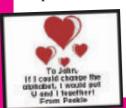
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Avoid these romantic comedy staples on V-Day

How men can make Valentine's night a success

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- Good manners apply to the bedroom. Make sure she has an orgasm before you do. When you please her in the bedroom, repeat, repeat and repeat.
 - Source: John Gray, author of "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus," www.marsvenus.com

Will you be curling up with a good movie instead of going to an overpriced restaurant on Valentine's Day? We can tell you which movies will have you crying in your pint of ice cream — not by pulling on your heartstrings, but because of how incredibly awful they are. Movie website Fandango surveyed its readers to find out which actors and actresses are the worst offenders in the romantic comedy genre. Cinematic gems, romcoms are not — but these are really the lowest of the low.

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Worst rom-com

actor

- 5. Ben Affleck 4. Matthew Perry
- 3. Freddie Prinze, Jr.
- 2. Adam Sandler tied with Dane Cook
- 1. Ashton Kutcher



Worst rom-com

actress

- 5. Jessica Alba 4. Jennifer
- Lopez 3. Katherine
- Heial 2. Mandy
- Moore



and the Beast"



Worst rom-com

- 5. "The Beautician and the Beast"
- 4. "All About Steve"
- 3. "Mr. Wrong"
- 2. "Zack and Miri Make a Porno"

1. "The Hottie and the Nottie"



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Worst romantic comedy couple

- 5. Jennifer Lopez and Ralph Fiennes, "Maid in Manhattan" tied with Jennifer Aniston and Adam Sandler, "Just Go With It"
- 4. Kate Winslet and Jack Black, "The Holiday"
- 3. Fran Drescher and Timothy Dalton, "The Beautician

- 2. Arnold Schwarzenegger
- and Emma Thompson. "Junior" 1. Nicole Kidman and
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TOP OF HIS GAME

• At just 25, Wes Gordon is beyond his years in almost every way • What's inspiring him

es Gordon's career might give even the most accomplished person a complex. At only 25, the Central Saint Martins grad has worked under Tom Ford and Oscar de la Renta, garners rave reviews from editors and buyers for his successful namesake label, collaborated with Manolo Blahnik for his spring 2012 show, designed an upcoming capsule collection with Jones New York, and just nabbed the prestigious Fashion Group International Rising Star Award for his sophisticated designs and sharp tailoring. And yet, this go-getter insists he parties and watches reality TV like the rest of us ("The Real Housewives of Atlanta' is my least favorite; 'Beverly Hills' is the best," he says. "It's over and I'm really upset.") To top it all off, this all-star Atlanta native is the perfect gentleman. We sat down with Gordon to talk street cred, Rooney Mara and his five-year plan because, of course, he has one.

Congrats on the win. You're on everyone's one-to-watch list lately. How do you stay so poised?

Well, now I'm scared. I was fine until you said that. [Laughs] There's no time to think about anything except your to-do list. It's just crazy busy. I'm rapidly getting grey hair.

Well, you've got a lot of hair. I do have a lot of hair. I'm going to have a lot of grey hair.

For 25, your clothes have a mature sensibility to them. Have you always been more sophisticated than your peers?

I've always been an old soul. When I was in preschool, I used to insist on wearing suspenders and ties to school. I definitely

have an aesthetic emerging. And it's apparently going in a darker direction for fall. What influenced this?

Our collection this season is kind of Edwardian/"Dragon Tattoo" - like "Great Expectations" meets Rooney Mara, because we have a lot of interesting historical cuts, some great peplum shapes and long, floorlength coats. One of the nice things is that you get to design fall/winter collections when it's cold out. So for a lot of it you're walking around and it's chilly and you think, "What do you want to wear?" You want something a little darker, something mysterious. A high collar standing around your face, a jacket buttoned, long sleeves that go down to your knuckles, something with attitude and edge. You're often called an uptown or society designer. But do you ever just want people to say you have

street cred, too?

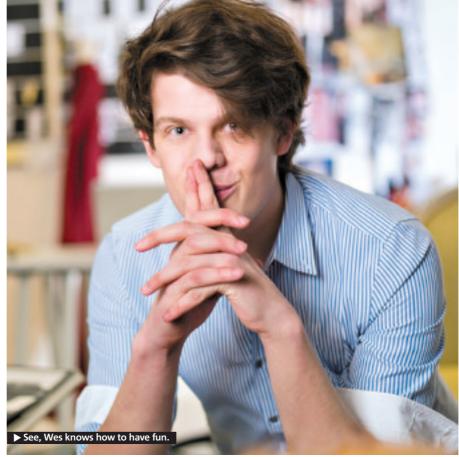
I live on Bowery and Bond. I'm totally a Downtowner. [Laughs] We [are sold in] Kirna Zabete, which is a supercool store in SoHo, and we really have a diverse clientele. I'm grateful to anyone who buys anything, wherever they may live.

Jones New York wanted you to update their classic workwear line. How did you tackle that?

The idea was to take a little bit of what I do in terms of tailoring and cool materials, and to do a collection that addresses how the modern young woman wants her wardrobe to look. What she wants to wear to the office, what she wants to wear on the weekends.

So what does she want to wear to the office?

Well, that's interesting. It's one thing to work in fashion where you have such creative free-



Q&A

You grew up in Atlanta. How do your Southern roots influence your design?

When a plane lands in Atlanta I get a little Southern accent back. It's really an aesthetic culture in the South. There's definitely a romance there. Everyone's yard is a work of art. The gardens are beautiful. the houses are beautiful: there's just something very pretty about it all. I love it.

dom. But someone at a bank has a strict dress code. So we came up with options like a short sleeved, pencil skirted suit. There's almost a Gwyneth Paltrow, "Great Expectations" clean vibe to the line.

Speaking of work, how would you like your line to advance?

My goal has always been to build a company that stays relevant. Going to art school in London I was around a lot of cool girls. You see them dressing in, like, Zara leggings and a vintage T-shirt and they'd throw on a vintage YSL jacket that they got from their mum or a

flea market. And I think that's so cool — the blazer that someday a woman's daughter steals from her. There's something to these pieces. I think that if you can make something elegant, it stays elegant forever.

So what's the five-year plan?

Growing the collection, we're going to do resorts and pre-fall, accessories, and hopefully menswear, so that I can steal some clothes from the office. I want to do furniture, you name it — I want to do everything.



Hanging on his inspiration board

"A face up on my wall is Rooney Mara. Then I have an amazing picture from World Of Interiors magazine of this great room in a house in England that is kind of dilapidated with old wooden plank floors and a big, high, grand ceiling with an old chandelier hanging from it. I like to look at this and think, "Who's about to walk into this room? What is she wearina in this kind of abandoned, slightly eerie, but romantic grand country manor in England?"





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The dream team



Haus Alkire

Women's Wear recipient

For Jason Alkire and Julie Haus, life as a husband and wife design duo — he creates the color palette and prints, she constructs the garments — has its advantages. "The great thing is, if we are creative at 3 o'clock in the morning we just work together at 3 o'clock in the morning," says Alkire. "Our schedules are always coincid-

ing, so it's very convenient for us." Another perfect setup: finding out you won the Ecco Domani prize while hanging out in Central Park. "It was pretty much like a movie moment," says Haus. "We were ice skating. In that moment [it felt like] — I wouldn't say beating the city, but it can get you down a lot of time. It was amazing. It was, by far, the biggest moment we've had in New York — and, I mean, in our careers really."

The independents



Correll Correll

Women's Wear recipient

The Correll Correll workshop in the Lower East Side is filled with knitting machines, sewing machines and tons of yarn. "It's very hands-on here," says Vera Correll, who, along with twin sister Daphne, started their handmade knittwear label in 2006. "We either hand dye or hand knit the whole item — but we always add something that makes the pieces look unique."

Individuality is something that's important to the sisters, who collaborate on the theme of their collections but design separately. "Daphne is more more geometric," says Vera. "For me, it's more gradient colors and organic. looser textures."

Their aesthetic differences are celebrated in their fall collection, in which they're "thinking of contrasts," says Vera. "There's a tension of two opposing things that we're balancing."

The spitfire

Eighteenth by Alexa Galler

Women's Wear recipient

Alexa Galler first landed on our radar for flipping our favorite wardrobe staple — the T-shirt — into cool, asymmetrical creations that could totally pass for cocktail attire. But for fall, she's shaking up another classic: khakis.

"I decided to take my dad's uniform of khakis and checkered button downs and blazers — that's all the guy wears — and make different silhouettes with it," says the Atlantic City native, who actually named the collection "My Dad's Hair." (The hair is in reference to her use of various textures, such as longhaired alpacas and silk velvets). "They're contemporary and unlikely, but they're still very femi-

nine," says Galler of the pieces



"When you wear my line, you'll stand out. So it's for someone that's confident and likes to be a little different." GALLER

in the line, which includes dresses and lots of her signature dreamy draping. "I really like this idea of taking an everyday garment and doing more interesting things with it. That's where I come from — taking a basic and figuring out how I can make it not basic."

The free spirit

Dezso by Sara Beltran

Accessories recipient

"For anyone who's creative, India is like a candy land," says stylist-turned-designer Sara Beltran, who in 2009 moved to Jaipur to pursue her passion for jewelry making and expand on her line of sea-inspired baubles.

"I love India because of the architecture, the jewelry, the textiles, the colors — and because every single corner of the country, especially Rajasthan, is full of inspiration." Another reason she loves the country: its similarity to her native Mexico. "If you drill a hole in the globe from Mexico, because of the latitude, you'd go straight to India," she muses.

Beltran now melds her love for both worlds, as well as an affinity for the ocean, into her line of earthy creations made



with polki diamonds, kyanite stones, fossilized shark teeth and sea shells cast in gold.

"I'm going to call my presentation 'Open Water," she reveals. "I'm always inspired by the ocean, and [this collection] is kind of my opening to the world."

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The dreamer **Sunhee**

Women's Wear recipient

No stranger to the fashion world, designer Sunhee Hwang first got her start when Alber Elbaz (now at Lanvin) recruited her to work for Geoffrey Beene. For the next 15 years she enjoyed a successful career designing for Elie Tahari and Anne Klein, all the while dreaming of starting her own label. "When I got the phone call [from Ecco Domani] I couldn't believe it. I started crying. It's the first time I felt like I've been recognized for my work," she says.

It's no wonder, then, that artist Dorte Jelstrup's video, with its themes of longing and desire, struck a nerve with the designer, who cites the piece as her fall inspiration. "I went to a gallery and I saw her video called — I love its name — '(You Are So Distant) It Would Have Been Wonderful To Dance With You' — which is about desire and modernism, constructivism and Bauhaus." So for fall, Sunhee swapped the ultra feminine, colorful dresses she created for spring and designed a collection of structured pieces with a focus on knits - and



"The new collection is about the feminine image of modernism."

dressy tops. "My line is for the Upper East Side girl, [for] very cool girls who go out. That's my target. I've always wanted to do that, actually." Well, Sunhee the dance floor is all yours.

Tim Coppens Men's Wear recipient

Tim Coppens is definitely the man's man designer. No matter how stylish his garments appear, he knows that at the end of the day "it's a menswear

line, so it has to be comfortable."

Though he was the design director of Ralph Lauren's futuristic street wear line RLX, don't expect to see any high-tech clothing in his presentation. "I do like to think more forward; I'm definitely not into the vintage or preppy styles," he admits. "But [the new line is] a mixture of really classical materials like virgin wools, beautiful cashmeres or really beautiful Italian leathers with more innovative, new fabrics. That mixture is really important."

For his fall collection — which will feature a neutral color palette and a heavy emphasion outerwear — Coppens looked to the modern-day noir film "Drive."



"I can definitely see Ryan Gosling wearing my line."

"I was very intrigued by the movie," Coppens says. "That whole dark vibe, the way they use color, [Ryan Gosling's character] as that really cool guy. He's a little quiet, but there's a certain arrogance to him without being too outspoken. It's this understated element."

The eco rebel Titania Inglis

Sustainable Design recipient

"I think I was into sustainability before I was into design," savs Brooklyn-based designer Titania Inglis. "I'm from Ithaca, and it's a super hippie town." The 32 year-old who apprenticed with avant-garde designers Camilla Staerk and Threeasfour was at first reluctant to get into design because, as she puts it, "I didn't want to put more stuff in the world. As consumers, we all have so much stuff. We have storage units filled with extra stuff that we're not even using."

Her solution: Buy organic fabrics and enlist local craftsman to create her eco-friendly yet edgy pieces. "The more designers who buy organic fabrics, the more it encourages mills to continue [producing it]," says Inglis. "It's about creating a market for that, because people will be buying clothes regardless. [I'd like] to help lead the industry in this direction and show people that you can make clothes in a sustainable way, and they don't have to be burlap sacks."

"Minimalist and a bit sculptural, and also kind of dark — but not quite in a gothic way. It has a rock 'n' roll edge to it."







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O You know her as the ethereal, porcelain-skinned Karl Lagerfeld muse with the otherworldly voice and floaty dresses O But she's also a girl who could party circles around you, with a chipped tooth to prove it

nce, during the haze that has been Florence Welch's neverending touring life, she had an especially wild after-party. She can't remember when it occurred exactly or what went down during. "But I remember afterward. I lost a tooth! Well, I chipped it. But I don't know how! There was a party. And there was a bill. I accidentally set fire to the hotel room with a tea light. And all I know is that the bar bill from the hotel was more expensive than the fire bill," she says, a twinge of disbelief still coloring her voice. "That was the most extreme hangover I've ever had. Try imagining those calls in the morning.'

Welch — she of the critically adored, monstrously successful Florence and the Machine albums "Lungs" and "Ceremonials" — is only 25. But she has the war stories of an aging rock star. And in certain ways, she comes off like one, too — more 1960s Rolling Stones than Adele. It's a mesmerizing wildness that you don't see with groomed popidols anymore

And yet Welch's joie de vivre coexists with a kind of

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"There was a party. And there was a bill. I accidentally set fire to the hotel room with a tea light. And all I know is that the bar bill from the hotel was more expensive than the fire bill." WELCH

well-worn pragmatism that comes with the weight of life and responsibility.

"I ended up deciding to drink less while I was touring," she says. "It was for my voice. It's really hard to sing and keep up the pace that we were going at. It's OK for the first bits, when you don't know where you're going. But now that I have more of an idea of the longevity of it, I'd like to have a career like PJ Harvey or Bjork who are still producing albums and have these voices. I realized if I wanted to have a career like theirs, I'd have to temper my indulgences."

The vintage rocker side of

Welch comes, in part, from her dad, who made his career in advertising but tried his hand at music when he was young. He introduced little Florence to bands like Velvet Underground and Love — and it paid off. He got to live vicariously through his daughter when he drove her band's van around Europe during their first tour. (Florence's siblings and step-family, whom she's really close to, often accompanv her on the road and her sister works as her PA.) "We definitely didn't have to tone things down when he was around," she says.

hen there was her round of toasts with Beyonce backstage at the Isle of Wight festival: not quite a bender, but a memorable party moment for Welch nonetheless. "I was on just before Jay-Z and she passed me and went, 'Ah!' And I went, 'Ah!' And she was like, 'It's such an honor to meet you!' And I was like, 'Oh my gosh, it's such an honor to meet you!' Then she, Kanye and I went, 'Cheers!' and it was so surreal," she says.

It's difficult to get to the heart of a person during a

blind date interview, hastily arranged at a South London pub. But seeing Welch light up when telling her stories, you get the sense that she's happiest when doing things and going places rather than sitting still. In a revealing moment before our chat, she looked especially vulnerable during a seated photo shoot, which seemed to visibly tax her. When the photographer took the last shot, her shoulders slumped over, and her fingers, covered in chunky gold Baroque rings, curled into a ball. "Today has just been ..." she sighed heavily and slouched her shoulders even further.

After becoming a global success very quickly after "Lungs," Welch reportedly had a bout of depression. But today, she's not in the mood for self-examination. And she's not necessarily haunted by the demons and angels she sings about. "Though I do believe one can have them internally," she admits. And she could care less whether her glass is half empty or full: "I'd rather drink the glass and figure it out."



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Florence and the

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Welch on working with Lagerfeld

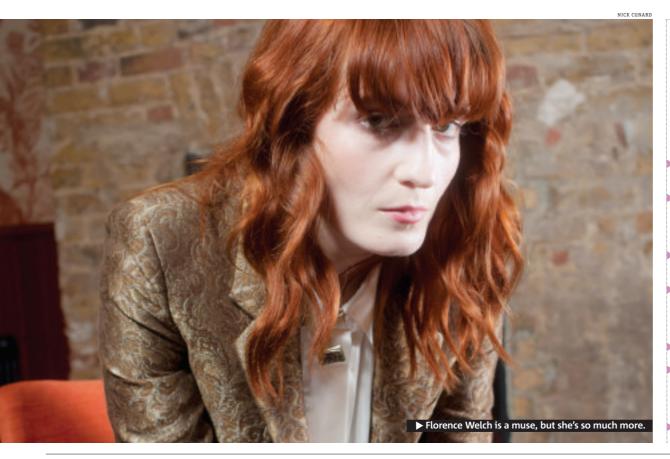
"Karl [Lagerfeld] pho-

tographed my promo shots. I had spoken about how I had been influenced by Art Deco artists, and we just began scrapbooking together. It was the strangest situation I've ever been in, cutting and pasting with Karl Lagerfeld. He

does it all himself, sticking things down and basically making a mood board. And we took the inspiration for the photographs from that."

Walking the walk "When I sang ['What the

Water Gave Me' at the Chanel S/S '12 show] it was incredible. There was a moment when I was walking out handin-hand with Karl and I was like, 'What am I doing here?' I don't know how to walk. But it was a beautiful experience."



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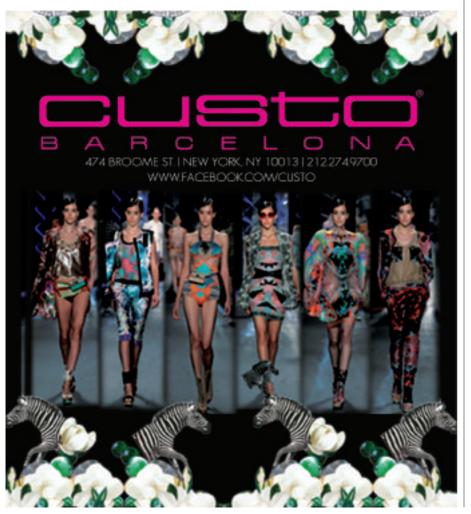


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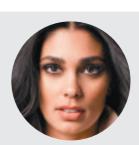


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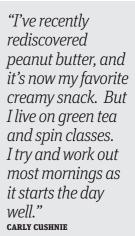


"Spending quality time with my husband and kids really helps. I also make time to go horseback riding – it gives me time outside in nature to unwind."



"Laughing ... over pretty much nothing — cures everything." RACHEL ROY

"My mom flies in from New Zealand every Fashion Week to help me. Having her here keeps me sane for sure!"



"I need music or movies playing while I'm making patterns. We get dinner catered in the office during the lead up to Fashion Week. I look forward to those hot meals."





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Letters

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Not hypocritical to play by the rules

RE: "HOW HYPOCRITCAL IS THE PRESIDENT?": President Obama is being called names -"hypocritical," "dancing with the devil," "brazenly cynical" and others — all because he has now bowed to and embraced the law passed by the U.S. Supreme Court in Citizens United versus FEC, giving the corporate giants the possibility of spending limitless amounts of money to lobby for or against any candidate they choose. Should Obama break the law passed by the Supreme Court? Won't he be tagged criminal by the righteous ones? JOHN DINGA, BROCKTON

In my opinion, Obama has not acted hypocritically with the decision to accept super PAC money. Poor guy. Leveling out the playing field is gonna be a little harder than he imagined. After all, he's playing with the mean kids now. WELINA FARAH, BOSTON

Companies want to keep our business

RE: "GOVERNMENT FUNDS GO BOTH WAYS": I hope Mr. Connell realizes that the "enemies ... domestic" are the very same politicians who have taken that oath. Devaluing a country's currency, bombing innocent people in foreign countries and taking away our liberties here at home are all serious criminal acts. Mr. Connell adores government roads and maintenance? I'm not impressed by the pothole-riddled streets we've got, or the constant-but-never-improving construction projects our cities so graciously allow us to pay for. As for poisoned food, I think Perdue chicken is more concerned with keeping its customers alive to become repeat customers than it is with impressing bureaucrats at the FDA. KELLY DONNOE, LYNBROOK

"We are all in charge of our own destiny, not some magic man in the sky."

I disagree with the people who complain that Obama isn't religious enough. I think he, as well as many other politicians, are out of touch with reality when they say they look to God for guidance. Which God is going to decide the outcome in the Middle East? Jehovah, Je-

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sus, Allah or Santa Claus? We are all in charge of our own destiny, not some magic man in the sky.

ROBERT LAROSA, WHITESTONE

So now Romney and Santorum are trying to outdo one another jamming their religious beliefs into the electoral process. They've forgotten why the Pilgrims came here in the first place: to get away from religious tyranny. PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA

Everything can't be unconstitutional!

RE: "PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP IN WASH-**INGTON":** Perhaps Mr. St. George can point to what passage in the Constitution foreign aid (most of which goes to Israel, by the way) violates? Or is this just another meaningless gripe against government using the "it's unconstitutional" canard? As for Rep. Paul: Going by his campaign platform, he isn't someone vou'd ever want near the White House. IOSEPH CONNELL, BROWNSVILLE

Horoscope

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. It looks like one of your talents will get a workout at this juncture. You have a special aptitude for organizing things, and you will be asked to do so for others. Stav alert! H Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. If you

have a special talent that can be meaningful to others, use it posthaste. But make sure that you benefit from your gift as well.

T Aries March 21-April 19. Even though you'll be the one endowed with excellent leadership qualities, it will be others who recognize it before you do. Don't allow any selfdoubts to dilute your talents.

¥ Taurus April 20-May 20. Although your financial picture looks especially good, you may be slow to recognize it. This may be due to your using different methods, which will at first obscure your gains.

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m I\hspace{-.1em}I}$ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you'll enjoy your friends for who they are and not for what you can get from them, you'll be surprised when some pals shower you with favors. Ask not and you shall receive.

Gancer June 21-July 22. Don't hesitate to share your secret desires with friends you truly trust. True pals will want to help you figure out ways to fulfill your wishes, not make life harder on you.

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you to closely study the associates whom you admire. Chances are there is something of value you can learn from them.

My Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. If you fail to get something you really want on your first try, push harder during a second attempt. Your probabilities for achieving what you want are good, as long as you don't give up. Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Once you're able to view situations from other people's perspectives, you'll be more effective in dealing with both the situations and the people. Widen your outlook, widen your acceptance. M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. You're in an unusually good earning cycle, which should increase your income stemming from special skills, knowl-

vou're worth. Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Obligatory social activities with friends are likely to be more enjoyable than usual. It might be due to the fact that they will take place outside the house in inexpensive, fun venues. 13 Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Although it's usually unwise to attempt to do more than one thing at a time, this may not be true in your case. You can handle multiple tasks

when there are dollars to be made.

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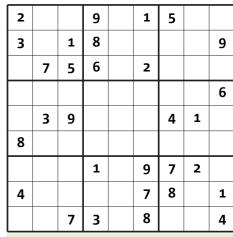
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One more



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"The most romantic meal that I had was on the Amalfi coast, just up the mountains in between Sorrento and Positano, in a town called Sant'Agata. There is a tiny, local pizzeria which overlooks the coast. During the evening the stars can be seen so clearly and look huge - there's nothing more romantic!"

TABLE FOR TWO

• Local chefs dish on their most romantic meal ever • A number of stories include exotic destinations, but hey, one chef found romance in the West Village

s Valentine's Day is just around the corner, we asked local New York chefs about the most romantic meal they've ever had. While we don't expect you to take your special someone to an international destination on Feb. 14 like some of these chefs did, you can learn some romantic tricks from the masters. In the future, though, a trip to the Amalfi coast definitely wouldn't hurt.



Chef Devon Gilroy

▶ Amali 115 E. 60th St. 212-339-8363 www.amalinyc.com

"My fiancee and I made time this past summer while Amali was being built to eat at Recette in the West Village. The food was simple but refined and we spoke at length about our time cooking together rehashing openings and mishaps. It brought us back to an earlier time in our relationship that was more carefree."





Chef/owner Huy Chi Le

▶ Indochine

430 Lafayette St. 212-505-5111 www.indochinenyc.com "The most romantic dinner I ever had was with my wife, Michelle, onboard a Halong Bay cruise in Vietnam last year. It was a fantastic way to experience Vietnamese culture in luxury and comfort. We dined by moonlight on the open deck. The crew would catch lobster, squid and fish as we sailed, and they would grill the day's catch on deck in front of us nightly.'



Executive chef Marco Moreira

► Tocqueville Restaurant 1 E. 15th St. 212-647-1515 www.tocqueville restaurant.com

"The most romantic Valentine's Day dish I have ever made for my wife was one year when we decided to escape the city to our beach house for a romantic getaway. That year, there was a huge snow storm and the lights went out. So we lit all the candles in the house and I prepared braised quail served over polenta with a bottle of Barolo wine.



Executive chef Ieffrev Kreisel

▶ Hotel Chantelle 92 Ludlow St. 212-254-9100 www.hotelchantelle.com

Penthouse808 8-08 Queens Plaza South LIC, 718-289-6118 www.penthouse808 rooftop.com

"One of the first dishes I made for my fiancee was something she grew up eating called Burek. Her mother, being from Montenegro, traditionally made it but I decided to make a more refined version to impress her."



Chef Laurent Manrique

▶ Millesime 92 Madison Ave. 212-889-7100 www.millesime restaurant.com

"My most romantic meal is the memory of a Valentine's Day with my wife where we spent hours in the kitchen cooking together and dancing between each course. Each meal was prepared in a way that we were able to eat with our hands and feed one another."



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• What does the head concierge of one of New York City's most famous hotels tell out-of-town guests to do when they want to get romantic in the city? Note: These are totally fair game to steal for Tuesday



The daily grind can make you forget we live in a city that is a fairytale to many, and that millions of people every year pay big bucks to experience the beauty of New York. So we asked a man who is very in the know - Maurice Dancer, the chef concierge of The Pierre — what he recommends the hotel's cosmopolitan visitors do when they want to have a New York City love affair.

◀ What's Valentine's Day with-Lout a little chocolate? Dancer tells guests to stop by Jacques Torres (62 Water St., 718-875-**9772)** in DUMBO to watch the chocolate factory in action. You can browse the shelves to select hand-crafted chocolates and sample bonbons while sipping homemade hot chocolate in their European-style cafe.

2For a titillating twist on dinner, Dancer recommends awakening your senses while "Dining in the Dark" at Camaje (85 MacDougal St., 212-673-8184) in the West Village, where you are blindfolded during the meal and performances by guest artists.

3For dining in a restaurant with your eyes wide open, Dancer likes to suggest reserving a table at One If By Land, Two If By Sea (17 Barrow St., 212-255-8649), a landmark Greenwich Village carriage house once owned by Aaron Burr in the 18th century. Illuminated by candelabras and warmed by two fireplaces, the restaurant has a bar-side pianist and an award-winning pastry chef that make for a very romantic experience.

Whisk your lover away on a 4 Staten Island Ferry ride. Channel your inner Kate and Leo while admiring the skyline and Statue of Liberty from the harbor at sunset.

5 Classics become classics for one good reason: They never grow old. Ice skating in Central Park is one of them. Dancer likes to tell guests to grab a house-made hot chocolate to-go from The Pierre's Two E Bar/Lounge and head to the Wollman Skating Rink for an afternoon on the ice. This is the time to keep your lover on their feet, not sweep them off. METRO/DR



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Barry Manilow

Feb. 10-14, 8 p.m. **Radio City Music Hall**

1260 Sixth Ave. \$50-\$300, 212-247-4777

Call him soft and schlocky, but Barry Manilow has been delivering the adult contemporary goods for more than 40 years. With the type of record sales that would make most artists weep, the man responsible for such recognizable hits as "Mandy" and "Copacabana (At the Copa)" is making a stop at Radio City Music Hall.

Guns N' Roses

Feb. 10, 12, and 15, 8 p.m. **Roseland Ballroom, Terminal** 5. and Webster Hall 239 W. 52nd St., 610 W. 56th St., and 125 E. 11th St. 212-247-0200, 212-260-4700, 212, 353-1600, \$80 With fans still holding out hope that the original lineup might actually be civil to one another and play a few songs at this year's Rock and Rock Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Guns 'N Roses' Axl Rose is poised to deliver yet another unpredictable set of NYC shows to coincide with Fashion Week.

MIKE HILLEARY.

Just like the first time



• The Kills may be celebrating their 10-year anniversary as a band, but one half of the duo, Jamie Hince, still gets the butterflies before going onstage

Jamie Hince may be married to a supermodel, but he finds a roomful of screaming fans way more intimidating. The British guitarist (and husband to Kate Moss) has been half of The Kills for the last decade, but he confesses that he still gets the jitters before every show. But he has a theory on that.

"I think it's easier when you're in a band of four or five people if you're the bass player and your bass goes wrong, the band carries on," Hince explains. "But with The Kills, if the guitar stops, the music stops. You've taken a proper tumble.'

But being part of such a small group has its benefits. When reflecting back on the four Kills albums he's made bandmate Alison Mosshart, Hince notes that the

simplicity allowed for a lot of experimentation, especially on their early albums.

"When you're working in a two-piece, you tend to be fascinated by what you can do by leaving things out," he says. "So the first couple of records were really experimenting with that, and then I upgraded and bought MPC 60 drum machine that kind of kicked open the door to hip-hop, and I just went crazy on that and spent hours and hours striking my drums and really getting into it."

Given all the time to reflect on his band's evolution with a series of anniversary shows. Hince admits that their controversial start - in which they shunned most interviews and flouted rules about say, smoking onstage — is a far cry from where they are now as a band.

New album in

the offing

Last year's "Blood Pressures" garnered much critical praise, and the band is planning to head into the studio to begin recording a new album due out late 2012 or early 2013.

Out of the shadow of the mighty White Stripes, whom they were so often compared to, The Kills can savor their own clearly defined identity. Just don't call it garage rock,

"It kind of got pigeonholed into that sort of new wave, whatever it was, garage rock, whatever, which I always laughed at because we only

had like a \$40 drum machine that we used, and you know it was so far from garage rock," Hince says of their first album. "Keep on Your Mean Side."

"I know we definitely had some sort of paranoia," he says about the band's approach to the media. "We sort of relaxed the reins a bit, really. I'm kind of happy to talk about my band now. I feel kind of confident, really. It's not like it's going to be taken and turned into something else."

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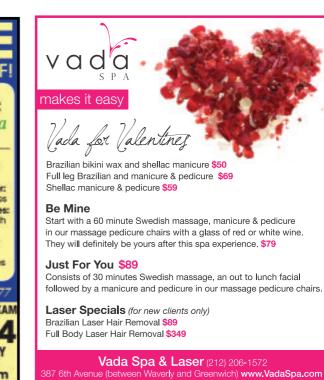
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To get in, or not to get in: That is the question

◆ The exclusive nightclub Elsinore — named after the castle from 'Hamlet' — is set to open on the LES

Clubs are a lot like castles: They're ruled by the elite, they're heavily guarded and if you go to the wrong one, there's a good chance you'll end up standing near a few dudes who are covered in oil. For new, non-oily hotness that's styled after Shakespeare, check out The Elsinore.

After two and a half years of searching for the ideal location, Elsinore's a booze-addled "midcentury English manor" from nightlife heavy-hitter Noel Ashman, who's giving select friends and family VIP membership to ensure the clientele reassembles the diaspora of NY's eclectic after-hours denizens, a group already represented in backing partners ranging from a hip-hop producer, to a "Walking Dead" actor, to a salon owner who made the cut due to his extensive knowledge of quaffing and coiffing.

Designed by Steve Lewis (Butter, Marquee, Aspen), the intimate, neo-vintage digs are soaked in blue and red light by



glowing pillars resembling "giant blue lightsabers" and a bar made of illuminated stained-glass windows, from copious coats of arms, to a giant wooden clock set permanently to 1:38. There's also a slate fire-place surrounding a flat-screen playing videos of yule logs or motorcycle races, all linked to an outdoor area whose neon "Whiskey" sign used to hang above a bar in Queens — because if it hung out in that bar,

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In the news

Amar'e return

The Knicks said yesterday they expect starting power forward Amar'e Stoudemire to return to the team on

Monday. Stoudemire left the team to go to Florida after his brother Hazell was killed in a car accident in their hometown of Lake Wales, Fla.

Stoudemire would play Tuesday at Toronto should he rejoin the team to practice on Feb. 13.



Santonio will be back with **Tets in 2012**

Look who's back in the

Jets wide receiver Santonio Holmes, the one every Jets fan would like to see booted out the door, will apparently be back in Florham Park next season.

Since the Jets kept him on the roster after the second waiver day, which was Tuesday, his full 2012 salary of \$7.75 million, along with a bonus of \$7.5 million, kicked in.

New York would've had to eat the base salary anyway, and it was assumed they would not. Yesterday made the decision official.

Holmes was largely blamed for the collapse at the end of the season, including arguing with teammates during the final game. O METRO



Rangers 'Stepan' up

New York's young players, like Derek Stepan and Artem Anisimov, are maturing into stars • Development big reason for team's impressive record

Ryan Callahan held court at his locker as journalists asked for his thoughts about what had transpired on the Garden ice a few minutes after the Rangers' 1-0 loss to the Devils Tuesday.

"We need to have a better start. I think that's what hurt us the most," Callahan said. "They came out with more speed, more intensity. At home we can't let that happen. Unfortunately, we did."

Callahan's statements were

ON TV TONIGHT Rangers at Lightning 7 p.m., NHLN

the reflection of a team that understands how general manager Glen Sather and coach John Tortorella envision the Rangers

One of the subtexts to this Rangers season has been the group's collective maturation. The Rangers are tied with Toronto as the NHL's thirdyoungest team, with an average age of 26.5. In spite of their youth, the Rangers lead the Eastern Conference with 71 points heading into tonight's match against the Lightning.

Marian Gaborik, the fifthleading goal scorer in the Eastern Conference, is just 29 and he's one of the veterans.

He and the rest of the team will get a chance to test that maturation in the wake of Tuesday's controversial finish. Artem Anisimov, one of those young stars at 23, had a goal waived off with 3.5 seconds left that would've tied the game when Gaborik was called for goalie interference.

How the young stars grow from a call Tortorella angrily refused to even talk about will say a lot.



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Todd Haley is known for getting the most out of his wideouts, using a

ton of hurry-up and playing out of the shotgun plenty. Now he's in charge of the Steelers' offense. We can give Antonio Brown, Mike Wallace and Ben Roethlisberger a boost.

BIG NAMES, SMALL GAMES

When the NBA announces its All-Star rosters tonight, fantasy owners will be cackling in a corner somewhere. Our All-Stars are a different breed.

Some superstars, like Kevin Durant and LeBron James, are at the top of the fantasy pile as well. But others are overrated — thanks to various holes in their

The free-throw issue

Blake Griffin, Dwight Howard, Andrew Bynum and Josh Smith are all tremendous assets to their respective squads. They also cause fantasy owners to be dead last in free-throw percentage every week. It's almost impossible to overcome that.



Past their prime

A wise man once said that Father Time is undefeated. But year after year, owners insist on over-rating players on the downside of their careers. Tim Duncan, Elton Brand, Jason Kidd, Paul Pierce and Dirk Nowitzki are former greats that are no longer worth the price tag. With the condensed schedule wreaking havoc, youth is being served. The old guys are missing games and playing less minutes.

The little things

ing and rebounding or passing. A fantasy star can't. If players aren't going to block, steal or make 3-pointers then their value is capped. Tony Parker, Luis Scola and David Lee are very nice real-life players that can't hack it in the fantasy world.



Nikola Pekovic

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Jeremy Lin

PG. Knicks

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Randy Foye

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